



Tisha "TaTa" Derden

May 13, 1975 - February 21, 2026

Obituary for Tisha Jean Derden

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Tisha Jean Derden, lovingly known as “Mom” and “TaTa,” was born on May 13, 1975, and was called home to the Lord on Saturday, February 21, 2026, surrounded by the family she loved so deeply.

Tisha was the heart of her family — strong, spirited, and full of life. She loved the outdoors and felt most at peace with a fishing pole in her hand, deer hunting, or enjoying family dove hunting trips. She had a gift for growing things, whether it was in her garden or in the lives of those around her. She took pride in canning the produce she grew and was known for cooking delicious homemade meals that brought everyone to the table.

She enjoyed the simple pleasures of life — slower days at home with her grandchildren, sitting on the porch with a glass of half-and-half tea, and spending time with those she loved most. She never turned down a trip to the casino, a shopping outing (especially for shoes), or the chance to add more denim and cheetah print to her wardrobe. Tisha loved to laugh, dance, cut up on the dance floor, sing karaoke, and enjoy a cold beer or a Bloody Mary with friends and family.

Tisha worked in a variety of clerical positions throughout her life, including with Walker County Water Special Utility District and TDCJ. She also proudly held her CDL license and could drive anything from a dump truck to a cow truck — though she always preferred a Peterbilt. She was hardworking, capable, and

never afraid to take on a challenge.

Above all else, Tisha loved her family fiercely. She was married to her devoted husband, Joe Bill, for 31 years, loving him unconditionally through every season of life. She did her best to be present for her grandchildren's school activities and cherished every moment spent with them. She loved all of her grandchildren deeply — both by blood and those who became hers by heart. She is survived by her husband, Joe Bill; her mother, Ronda Ledbetter and husband Bill; her daughters, Larra Ketkoski (Jeffery), Lacey Burzynski, and Lindsey Woods (Jim); and her beloved grandchildren Avery, Jozie, Jett, Kodi Jo, and Emorie, with one precious grandchild on the way. She is also survived by her sister, Tonya Griffin (James), and their children Nadia (Tristan), Jack, and Sterling. Her step-siblings Billy Ledbetter (Melissa) and "CJ" Concepcion (Ringo), and mother-in-law Bertha Derden.

Tisha was preceded in death by her grandparents, Norman "Bully" and Norma Jean Ready, and her father-in-law, Bill Derden.

Pallbearers will be her family friends Gus Gustafson, Royce Taylor, Michol "Guinea" Goodrum, Dave Crawford, "Gabby" Monjaras, and cousin Robert "Bubba" McCarty.

Honorary pallbearers are her Son-in-laws Jeffery Ketkoski & Jim Woods, and John "Scooter" Keisler.

Though our hearts are broken, we take comfort in knowing she is now free from pain and resting in the arms of her Savior. Her legacy of love, strength, laughter, and loyalty will live on in all who knew and loved her.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 10:00 AM and a funeral service will begin at 11:00 AM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. Burial will follow at Farris Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Farris Cemetery

West on 1791
Huntsville, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfmh.com

Funeral services

FEB 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
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Graveside

FEB 28. 12:30 PM (CT)

Farris Cemetery
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Huntsville, TX

Tribute Wall

KW

“ *Kallie & jackson west purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.*



Kallie & jackson west - February 28 at 02:38 PM

DG

“ *Prayers for Tisha's sweet family as you all try to learn to survive without her in your daily lives, may you find peace and comfort in knowing that in Jesus we can be together eternally with our loved ones.* 🙏🙏🙏

Donna Gilbert - February 27 at 07:42 PM

FF

“ *From your BVEH Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.*



From your BVEH Family - February 27 at 04:21 PM

FF

“ *From your BVEH Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.*

From your BVEH Family - February 27 at 04:21 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.



February 27 at 11:53 AM



“ Rodney.evelyn T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.

Rodney.evelyn T. - February 27 at 11:32 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.



February 26 at 05:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.

February 26 at 05:02 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.*



February 26 at 01:30 PM



“ *Barrilleaux Energy Services purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.*



Barrilleaux Energy Services - February 26 at 08:33 AM



“ *Barrilleaux Energy Services planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.*

Barrilleaux Energy Services - February 26 at 08:33 AM



“ *Joe and Linda Castleberry purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.*



Joe and Linda Castleberry - February 25 at 10:13 AM

JR

“ Jimmy Rogers purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.



Jimmy Rogers - February 25 at 05:50 AM

KP

“ Kirk "The Bandit" & Jan Parmelly purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.



Kirk "The Bandit" & Jan Parmelly - February 24 at 07:00 PM

KP

“ Kirk "The Bandit" & Jan Parmelly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.

Kirk "The Bandit" & Jan Parmelly - February 24 at 07:00 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.



February 24 at 05:34 PM

BC

“ *Sending prayers and sincere condolences.* ”



Bridgette Neeley Clay - February 24 at 02:16 PM

MF

“ *Lifting up the family and friends of Tisha Deren for comfort and healing from our Lord Jesus Christ.* ”



Marvin Hyvl & Family - February 24 at 11:25 AM

LC

“ *Tisha was more than a friend, she was beautiful inside and out. My heart is broken. May God grant peace to the family during this difficult time.* ”



Linda Castleberry - February 24 at 10:31 AM

BP

“ Rest in peace dear friend! Prayers for the family! So sorry for your loss! Mrs. Tisha was an awesome, beautiful, caring and kind woman with a beautiful soul! Thankful we crossed paths! 💔



Beverly Pegoda - February 24 at 12:15 AM

MG

“ My deepest condolences on your loss. Prayers for peace and healing.

Martha Grisham

Martha Grisham - February 23 at 09:39 PM

JB

May She rest in paradise, she was a sweet person, Joe was a great friend of mine in high school. praying for her children and family!!! 🙏🙏🙏



Janice M Bay - February 23 at 10:30 PM

RR

“ Robert R. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.



Robert R. - February 23 at 08:40 PM

RR

“ Robert R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.

Robert R. - February 23 at 08:40 PM

OF

“ Our thoughts are with the Derden Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.



Our thoughts are with the Derden Family - February 23 at 06:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.



February 23 at 06:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.

February 23 at 06:41 PM

SP

“ My sincere condolences to Joe Bill and family. I have so many good memories with Tisha. Getting all dressed up to go party in the woods or just to hang out back in the day. Tisha had such a beautiful smile and laugh.



Stephanie Hightower Peterson - February 23 at 05:27 PM

JS

“ Jackie steele purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.



Jackie steele - February 23 at 05:14 PM

JS

“ Jackie steele planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.

Jackie steele - February 23 at 05:14 PM

GI

“ Gail Irwin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.



Gail Irwin - February 23 at 04:51 PM

CW

“ *there’s so many things I remember and think about from when we were growing up as kids together we had our fun and our fight but we loved each other. I love you and will never forget you forever missed praying for your family* ”



christi wood - February 23 at 04:24 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.* ”



February 23 at 04:10 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tisha "TaTa" Derden.* ”

February 23 at 04:10 PM

GK

“ *Gayle Kelly lit a candle in memory of Tisha "TaTa" Derden* ”

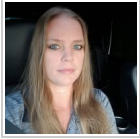


Gayle Kelly - February 23 at 04:09 PM

CH

“ *Praying for your family during this difficult time and holding you close in our thoughts.*
-The Duerer Family

Courtney Hilliard - February 23 at 03:57 PM



“ *Angela Perry lit a candle in memory of Tisha "TaTa" Derden*



Angela Perry - February 23 at 03:31 PM